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# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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MEDIA LAB ASIA
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the details about the agreement reached with South Korea for Media Lab Asia (MLA);

(b) whether the Joint Research and Development initiatives are discussed with the South Korean counterpart;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Korea has accepted to adopt IIT of Guwahati; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): There is no agreement which has been reached with South Koreafor Media Lab Asia. However, there has been a dialogue between MITMedia Labband South Korea on thepossibility of setting up Media Lab East Asia which focused on biotech, arts and advanced consumer electronics/robotics.

(b) and (c): Exploratory discussions with the Government of SouthKorea have begun for joint participation in Research and Development projects. Korean side have indicated that while assisting IITs in their upcoming stages, they would also like to associate the Korean Universities/Institutions in all R&D projects. Korean side have also evinced interest in students exchange programmes, faculty exchange programmes and joint doctoral programmes. However, there is no formal proposal from Korea in this regard.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.